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FODDER AND FODDER SEED PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had spent huge amounts on projects to achieve target for fodder and fodder seed production and the projects are yet to be made functional;

(b) if so, the details of such projects which have not yet been made functional and the amount spent on the projects till-date;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.There is ongoing scheme `Assistance to States for Feed & Fodder Development` under which one time grant is provided on 25% to 100% Central share basis. The implementing agency is the State Governments and the monitoring is also being done by them. Fund is released on the basis of proposals received from the States, their viability and the utilization of previous fund released to them. Besides, Centre Feed and Fodder Development Organization comprising 7 Regional Stations for Forage Production and Demonstration, 1 Central Fodder Seed Production Farm, Hesserghatta, Bangalore, these farms are engaged in multiplication of fodder seeds and Central Minikit Testing Programme under which fodder kits are supplied to the farmers through State Governments free of cost for fodder and fodder seed production.

(b) & (c): There are four components of the scheme `Assistance to States for Feed & Fodder Development` for whichthe fund is released for fodder and fodder seed production. The amount released for these components during last three years is shown in Annexure-A. Some State Governments have not furnished Fund Utilization Certificates.

(d): The monitoring of the progress is being continuously done by the Government of India and the State Governments are being following up to send the Utilization Certificate for the funds released to them.

Assistance to States for Feed and Fodder Development` during last three years for Fodder and Fodder Seed Production.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Components/State	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001	
	Release	Revali-dation	Release	Revali-dation	Release	Revali-dation
A. Strengthening of State farms for production of fodder seeds						
Meghalaya	30.00	-	-	30.00+	-	-
Kerala	40.86	-	-	40.86+	-	-
Karnataka	15.00	3.00	-	15.00	7.50+	-
Tripura	15.00	-	-	15.00	-	-
Nagaland	-	16.00	16.00	-	-	16.00
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	22.50+	-
B. Fodder seed production through registered growers						

Punjab	3.33	-	-	3.33	-	3.33
Meghalaya	-	1.34	-	-	-	-
C. Establishment of silvipasture system for increasing biomass production.						
Mizoram	7.80	-	7.89+	-	-	-
Kerala	30.00	-	-	30.00+	-	-
Karnataka	30.00	-	-	11.00	25.00+	-
H.P	3.00	-	-	-	3.00 - (1.50)+	
U.P.	-	58.46	-	-	-	-
Tamil Nadu	-	9.99	-	-	-	-
Sikkim	-	-	6.00	-	-	6.00
D. Development of grssland including grass reserves.						
Karnataka	30.00	-	-	14.00	25.00+	-
Tripura	11.20	-	-	11.20	-	-
Meghalaya	-	8.40	-	-	-	-
U.P.	-	5.60	-	-	-	-
Sikkim	-	-	5.60	-	28.00+	5.60
J & K	-	-	25.20	-	-	25.20
Gujarat	-	-	28.00	-	-	28.00+
Orissa	-	-	56.00	-	-	56.00+
Maharashtra	-	-	-	-	7.60+	-
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	14.00+	-

+ Utilization certificate not received.